

## KEY FACTS ABOUT

Children birth to 3 years,  
their families, and  
the child care system  
that serves them

# Florida

2007 estimated population: 18,251,243

U.S. Census 2007 Population Estimate

2000 population: 15,982,378

U.S. Census 2000



**An average of 32,731 of children 0–3 are served per month by the Child Care and Development Fund**  
(FY 2006 ACF-801 data, Child Care Bureau)

**In Federal Fiscal Year 2008 the Infant/Toddler Child Care and Development Fund appropriation = \$5,405,728**  
(FY 2008 CCDF Allocations Based on Appropriations, U.S. Dept. of HHS, ACF)

**CCDF Subsidy Rates for Infants at 11 months of age (Weekly Rates)**

**Center** \$117.00

**FCC** \$101.00

**Exempt** \$ 50.00

(FY 2008 CCDF State Plans, U.S. Dept. of HHS, ACF) (as approved and subject to change) (for illustrative purposes only these rates highlight only the highest urban area rates)



**2,579 children served in Early Head Start, 2,564 ACF-Funded, 15 Non-ACF-Funded Enrollment (e.g. state or privately funded spaces)**

(2007 Early Head Start Funded Enrollment) (EHSNRC Database—October 2007)



**11,468 children under 3 receive early intervention services under IDEA, Part C**

(U.S. Dept. of Education, Office of Special Ed. Programs, Data Analysis System (DANS), 2006)

**39% of all the requests for child care to the child care resource and referral programs were for infant and toddler care**

(Child Care in America: 2008 State Facts, NACCRRA)

Infant/Toddler Caregiver Credential: No

Quality Rating System: Exploring or Designing  
Source: NCCIC, 2008 Several Counties in FL are piloting QRS

Early Learning Guidelines for 0-3: Florida Birth to Three Learning and Developmental Standards

Infant/Toddler Specialist Network: Yes

**In Center-Based Care the staff-to-child ratios are**

1:4 for birth-12 months; 1:6 for 1- to 2-year-olds; 1:11 for 2- to 3-year-olds; 1:15 for 3- to 4-year-olds

(State Licensing Regulations)

**In Family Child Care the staff-to-child ratios are**

1:10 (with no more than 5 pre-school age children, and of these, no more than 2 children under 1 year) OR

1:6 (preschool-age children only with none under 1 year) OR

1:6 (with no more than 3 children under 1 year) OR

1:4 (if all children are under 1 year)

(State Licensing Regulations)

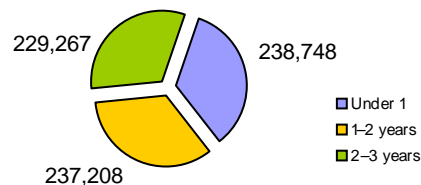
**In Group Family Child Care the staff-to-child ratios are**

2:8 (if all children are birth to 24 months) OR

2:12 (with no more than 4 children under 24 months)

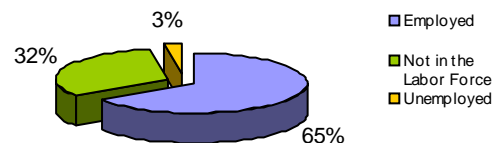
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**705,223 Children Under the Age of 3 Live in Florida**



U.S. Census 2007 Population Estimate

**65% of Florida Women with Children Under the Age of 3 Are in the Labor Force**



Current Population Survey, March 2001

**Average annual fee for full-time child care for an infant in:**

**center based care.....\$7,336**  
**family child care home.....\$6,707**

**Cost of child care for an infant as percent of median income for two-parent families ..... 11%**

**Cost of child care for an infant as percent of median income for single parent families..... 30%**

Child Care in America: 2008 State Facts, NACCRRA

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